

WT Docket No. 05-194

June 13, 2008

**Public Hearing on Early Termination Fees – June 12, 2008**

A public hearing regarding the use of early termination fees by communications service providers was held at the Federal Communications Commission on June 12, 2008. The webcast of this event can be viewed at <http://www.fcc.gov/eaudio/>. Announcements of the public hearing are attached.



## Commission Meeting Agenda

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**ECC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008**

The Federal Communications Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Early Termination Fees, WT Docket No. 05-194 and related issues, on Thursday, June 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The Sunshine period will not apply to this matter since the Commission is not considering an item. The Public Hearing will be immediately followed by an Open Meeting, subject to our Sunshine rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1203, on the subjects listed below.

ITEM NO.	BUREAU	SUBJECT
1	CONSUMER & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	<p><b>TITLE:</b> Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (CG Docket No. 02-278)</p> <p><b>SUMMARY:</b> The Commission will consider a Report and Order concerning the current 5-year registration period for Do-Not-Call Registry.</p>
2	CONSUMER & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	<p><b>TITLE:</b> Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities (CG Docket No. 03-123)</p> <p><b>SUMMARY:</b> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on issues concerning the provision of Speech-to-Speech, a form of Telecommunications Relay Service.</p>

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**3 CONSUMER &  
GOVERNMENTAL  
AFFAIRS**

**TITLE:** Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; E911 Requirements for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities (CG Docket No. 03-123 and WC Docket No. 05-196)

**SUMMARY:** The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Concerning a Ten-Digit Numbering Plan for Internet-Based TRS.

**4 WIRELESS TELE-  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**TITLE:** Skype Communications S.A.R.L. Petition to Confirm a Consumer's Right to Use Internet Communications Software and Attach Devices to Wireless Networks (RM-11361)

**SUMMARY:** The Commission will consider an Order that would address the Skype Communications S.A.R.L. Petition to Confirm a Consumer's Right to Use Internet Communications Software and Attach Devices to Wireless Networks.

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Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Audrey Spivack or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, (202) 418-0500; TTY 1-888-835-5322. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's Audio/Video Events web page at [www.fcc.gov/realaudio](http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio).

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## FCC Announces Further Details of Public Hearing on Early Termination Fees

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced further details on a public hearing on early termination fees that will be hosted on Thursday, June 12, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

### Hearing Information:

Date: June 12, 2008  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Eastern)  
Location: FCC Headquarters Building  
Room TW-C305  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

### Agenda and List of Witnesses:

10:00 a.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks  
10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion 1 – Early Termination Fees: Consumer and Industry Practices and Perspectives  
  
Anne C. Boyle  
Chair, Nebraska Public Service Commission  
  
Daniel L. Brenner  
Senior Vice President, Law & Regulatory Policy  
National Cable & Telecommunications Association  
  
Thomas W. Hazlett  
Professor of Law & Economics  
George Mason University School of Law

**Larry S. Landis**  
Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

**John F. Murphy**  
Senior Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting  
Officer  
The DIRECTV Group

**Patrick Pearlman**  
Deputy Consumer Advocate  
West Virginia Public Service Commission, appearing on behalf  
of the National Association of State Utility Consumer  
Advocates (NASUCA)

**Harold Schroer**  
Individual Consumer

**Lee L. Selwyn, Ph.D**  
President and Founder  
Economics and Technology Inc.

**Thomas J. Taube**  
Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy and  
Communications  
Verizon Communications

**Molly White**  
Individual Consumer

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Break**

12:15 p.m. **Panel Discussion 2 – Legal Implications**

**Seamus C. Duffy**  
Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

**Pamela Gilbert**  
Partner, Cuneo Gilbert & LaDoca, LLP  
Washington, D.C. Counsel, Cellphone Early Termination Fee  
Cases pending in Superior Court in Alameda County,  
California

**Christopher Guttman-McCabe**  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs  
CTIA

**Chris Murray**  
Senior Counsel  
Consumers Union

**Alan R. Plutzik**  
Attorney, Branscom, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP  
Counsel of Record for Wireless Consumers Alliance in FCC  
Docket Nos. 05-193 and 05-194

**Christopher J. Wright**  
Partner, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP

**1:15 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**

**1:30 p.m.** **Adjournment**

The Commission will hear from expert panelists regarding the use of early termination fees by telecommunications service providers. The hearing is open to the public and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The hearing will be webcast live and also archived for later viewing. Access to the webcast, and additional information concerning the webcast, will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/radio/>. Open captioning will be provided for the webcast.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, the hearing is part of a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* presentations are subject to disclosure. For that reason, notice of the hearing, a video recording of the hearing, and information on accessing the webcast will be placed in the public record of docket number 05-194.

The public may file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference docket number 05-194 when filing by paper or submit your filing electronically by going to [http://efile.fcc.gov/prod/ecf/upload\\_v2.cgi](http://efile.fcc.gov/prod/ecf/upload_v2.cgi) and enter proceeding number 05-194. Filing instructions are provided at <http://www.fcc.gov/electf/>.

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